First Baptist Church

# *Our Worship of God*

*October 11, 2026* *9:15 am*

*(✝ Indicates those who are able, please stand)*

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**Welcome** Pastor Brittany McDonald Null

**✝Call to Worship (responsive)**

In the stillness and in the stirring,
**God is with us.**
In the order and in the chaos,
**God is with us.**
When the way ahead is clear,
and when we cannot picture what comes next,
**God is with us.**
When we recognize God's presence,
and when God seems distant,
**God is with us.**
We do not gather because we have all the answers.
We gather because God meets us here.
In our certainty and our wondering,
in our fear and our hope,
in our waiting and our becoming,
**God is with us.**
So come, let us worship the God
who has been, who is, and who will be with us.

**✝Opening Song** Dwell

**✝Passing the Peace of Christ**

**✝Songs** No One Else (Tear Down the Idols)
Awestruck

**Prayers of Confession** Pastor Hayden Dennis

Holy God,
We confess that we are skilled at making idols.

When we are anxious,
we reach for what is physical and present,
what we can see and touch,
what we can hold in our hands.
**We take the gifts you have given us**
**and mistake them for you.**
We make idols of our abilities,
our accomplishments,
our certainty,
our plans.
**We trust what we can build with our own hands,**
**what we can measure,**
**what we can control.**
When you seem distant,
when we do not know what comes next,
when we grow impatient with mystery,
we create something we can understand
and call it god.
**Forgive us when we confuse our own creations**
**with the Creator.**

Forgive us when we place our trust
in what we have made
rather than the One who made us.
**Free us from the gods we create for ourselves.**
Loosen our grip on certainty and control.
Teach us to trust your presence
even when we cannot see what you are doing.
**Turn our hearts again toward you, Holy One.**
Amen.

**Assurance of Grace**

**✝Song** Hope's Gonna Find You

**Scripture Reading** Russ Scott

**Exodus 32:1-14**
The people saw that Moses was taking a long time to come down from the mountain. They gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come on! Make us gods who can lead us. As for this man Moses who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we don't have a clue what has happened to him."
Aaron said to them, "All right, take out the gold rings from the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took out the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He collected them and tied them up in a cloth. Then he made a metal image of a bull calf, and the people declared, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf. Then Aaron announced, "Tomorrow will be a festival to the Lord!" They got up early the next day and offered up entirely burned offerings and brought well-being sacrifices. The people sat down to eat and drink and then got up to celebrate.

The Lord spoke to Moses: “Hurry up and go down! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, are ruining everything! They’ve already abandoned the path that I commanded. They have made a metal bull calf for themselves. They’ve bowed down to it and offered sacrifices to it and declared, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The Lord said to Moses, “I’ve been watching these people, and I’ve seen how stubborn they are. Now leave me alone! Let my fury burn and devour them. Then I’ll make a great nation out of you.”

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, “Lord, why does your fury burn against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and amazing force? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘He had an evil plan to take the people out and kill them in the mountains and so wipe them off the earth’? Calm down your fierce anger. Change your mind about doing terrible things to your own people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, whom you yourself promised, ‘I’ll make your descendants as many as the stars in the sky. And I’ve promised to give your descendants this whole land to possess for all time.’” Then the Lord changed his mind about the terrible things he said he would do to his people.

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

**Message** Pastor Kristin McAtee

**✝Song** Have Hope

**Sharing Our Gifts & Life of the Church** Pastor Hayden Dennis

**✝Benediction**

# Worship Notes

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# Week at a Glance

**Sunday, October 11**

9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth, and Children
11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
12:30 pm Racial Justice & Inclusion Team Meeting in E2
5:00 pm College & Young Adults Open Study Session / 7:00 pm Bible Study

**Monday, October 12**

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, October 13**

12:30 pm Pause for Prayer
1:00 pm Crafty Critters in the Conference Room

**Wednesday, October 14**

6:00 pm Youth in the 3rd Floor Youth Room
6:00 pm Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary
7:15 pm Chancel Bells in the Sanctuary

**Thursday, October 15**

10:30 am First Baptist Women's Zoom Book Study

**Sunday, October 18**

9:10 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
9:15 am Awakening Worship in the Fellowship Hall
10:15 am Spiritual Formation Hour –Adult, Youth, and Children
10:45 am Youth leave for Six Flags
11:15 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
5:00 pm College & Young Adults Open Study Session / 7:00 pm Bible Study

# Announcements

## Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting, we are so glad to have you with us! If you would like to receive more information about First Baptist and our ministries, you can fill out a connection card from the pew back, scan the QR code in the bulletin, or visit our website at fbc-columbia.org/connect

## Youth Six Flags Trip

*Sunday, October 18*

All youth between the 6th and 12th grade are invited to join us for the afternoon of October 18 at 6 Flags in St. Louis! Cost is $30, and registration is now open. All registrations will close on October 11, so register yourself and some friends today and do not miss out on a fun filled afternoon! Parents and Guardians: any questions can be directed to Pastor Hayden, hdennis@fbc-columbia.org.

## Faith After Certainty: The Courage to Believe Differently

*Begins October 18 at 10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall*

For many of us, faith once came with clear answers. Somewhere along the way, questions arrived, and the old certainties stopped fitting. This six-week class is a growth space for anyone navigating that shift. Together we'll explore what progressive theology is and what it means to be both Baptist and progressive. We'll reflect on who God is to us now, name and grieve what we've left behind while honoring what we still carry, and look honestly at fear, including what "fear of the Lord" might really mean, without rushing past hard feelings. We'll also talk about why this work is messy and how to do it in community, and close by practicing spiritual discernment and faith-based visioning for the road ahead. You don't need to have it all figured out. You just need to be willing to wonder together.

This faith formation session will be facilitated by Shelby Pride and Pastor Kristin. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Awakening Worship.

## Pause for Prayer

*Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m.*

In the midst of busy schedules, constant responsibilities, and the many demands of daily life, we all need moments to pause and reconnect with God's presence. On Tuesdays at 12:30 pm**,** we invite you to join us each week, either in person or online, for Pause for Prayer. Together, we will bring our joys, concerns, hopes, and burdens before God while also practicing rhythms of prayer that can sustain us throughout the week.

Whether prayer is a familiar comfort or something you are still exploring, all are welcome. Each gathering will offer space to slow down, listen for God's voice, and be reminded that we are held in God's love and connected to one another. Our hope is that this weekly time of prayer will become a source of encouragement, helping us experience God's presence, hope, peace, and healing amid the rhythms of everyday life.

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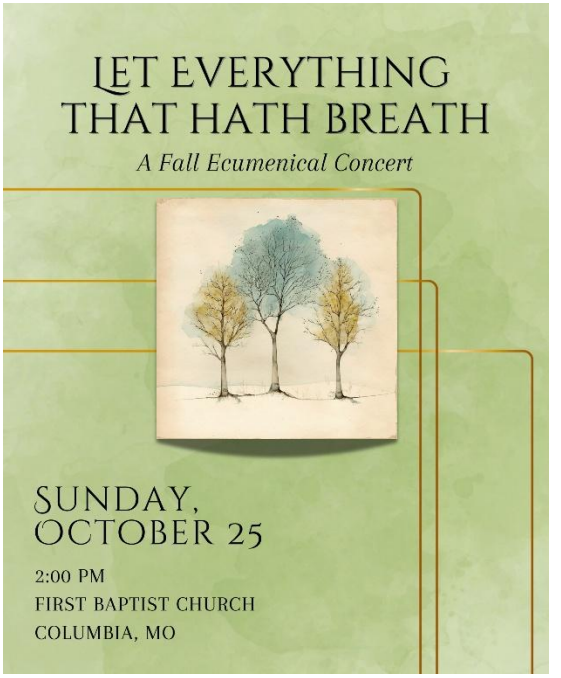
## Ecumenical Concert: Let Everything That Hath Breath

*Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 in the Sanctuary*

Join us Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 in the sanctuary for our annual ecumenical concert entitled "Let Everything That Hath Breath!"

In addition to many beautiful and diverse anthems featuring choir, bells, organ, and brass, the centerpiece will be Benjamin Britten's epic cantata "Rejoice in the Lamb," in honor of the 50th anniversary of the composer's passing.

We'll be joined by friends from sister churches and local schools, as well as other special guests. You won't want to miss this concert!




## Trunk-or-Treat & Chili Cook-Off

*Sunday, October 25 | 5:00 PM | First Baptist*

It’s time for a little friendly competition, some (not-so) spooky fun, and a whole lot of chili! Join us on **Sunday, October 25 at 5:00 PM** for our annual **Chili Cook-Off and Trunk-or-Treat**.

Get your favorite chili recipe perfected, because the competition around here is steep! We’ll enjoy a cozy chili dinner, fun games, and plenty of treats as we gather together for an evening of food, fun, and community. Come dressed in your Halloween best, bring your appetite, and get ready for a fun night together at First Baptist!
**Trunk-or-Treat car setup:** 4:00–4:45 PM
**Trunk-or-Treat and Chili Cook-Off:** 5:00 PM

# Nominating Committee Season Has Begun!

One of the ways we live out our faith together is by sharing our gifts in service to our congregation and community. Each year, the Nominating Committee helps identify and invite people to serve in leadership and ministry roles at First Baptist Church. The committee will begin by reaching out to those currently serving to learn whether they feel called to continue in their roles or step away for a season of rest and renewal. Then, we will invite others to explore opportunities for service on a Team or Action Group.

One question I hear often is, "Where can I serve?" The good news is that there are many ways to get involved, whether your gifts are in caring for others, planning events, teaching, organizing, advocating, or working behind the scenes.

**Opportunities to Serve:**

**Diaconate**
Extends care and support to church members who are homebound or experiencing difficult circumstances.

**Fellowship Ministry Action Group**
Creates opportunities throughout the year for fun, friendship, and building community.

**Bereavement Action Group**
Provides hospitality, food, and care for families during times of loss.

**Hospitality Action Group**
Coordinates the Welcome Table and helps provide food and refreshments at church events.

**Teaching Team**
Partners with pastoral staff to shape adult education offerings, select curriculum, and plan learning opportunities.

**Liturgical Arts Action Group**
Works with pastors and staff to creatively express worship themes throughout the year.

**Serving Team**
Connects our congregation with local and global partners serving their communities.

**Racial Justice and Inclusion Team**
Guides our ongoing work in inclusion, racial healing, accessibility, and justice.

**Trustees**
Steward and care for our church property and facilities.

**Finance Team**
Prepares and monitors the church budget and promotes faithful financial stewardship.

**Endowment Committee**
Oversees and administers the church's investments and endowment funds.

**Personnel Committee**
Supports church staff through evaluation, feedback, and professional development.

**Health and Safety Action Group**
Helps ensure that our church remains a safe, healthy, and welcoming place for all.

In addition, three members of the congregation are selected each year to serve as at-large representatives on the Church Council.

**Could This Be Your Place to Serve?**
You do not need to have all the answers or years of experience. If one of these opportunities sparks your interest, or if you would simply like to learn more, we would love to talk with you. Serving is one of the best ways to build relationships, share your gifts, and help shape the life of our church.

To explore a ministry opportunity, contact Christine Chang at Cchang5363@gmail.com. We hope you'll prayerfully consider where your gifts and passions might meet the needs of our community.

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